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In re application of:

Takehito USHIKI et al.

Serial No: 10/016,008

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER,
METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE
SAME, AND WAFER CHUCK

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS
FOR ALLOWANCE**

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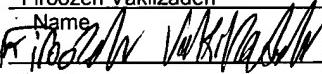
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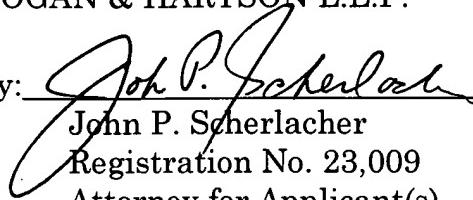
Dear Sir:

Applicant makes the following comments on the statement of reasons for allowance which is set forth in Paragraph 1 on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated January 23, 2004.

According to the statement, "Kao, doesn't describe determining ...". This should refer to "Kato" and not "Kao". U.S. Patent 5,447,890 of Kato et al. is the only reference applied in rejecting the claims in the prior Office Action. It is therefore apparent that the statement of reasons for allowance intended to refer to "Kato" and not "Kao". Applicant wishes to note this for the record.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated January 23, 2004, enclosed are the following:

- Form Part B - Issue Fee Transmittal and a check in the amount of \$ 1,636.00 in payment of the Issue Fee, Publication Fee and Advance Order for 2 patent copies (at \$3.00 per copy).
- Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.

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